

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The claims in this listing replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. – 2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim [[1]] 22 wherein the composition is formulated as a chewing gum composition wherein said gum base constitutes from 10% to 99% by weight of the composition.
4. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim [[1]] 22 wherein said gum base comprises at least one of the following: natural or synthetic elastomeric compounds, natural or synthetic resin compounds, fillers, softening compounds, antioxidants and colorants.
5. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim [[1]] 22 wherein the composition is formulated as a confectionary composition in which said confectionary base constitutes from 0% to 99% by weight of the composition.
6. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim [[1]] 22 wherein said chewing gum or confectionary additives comprise at least one of the following ingredients: sweeteners, high intensity sweeteners, taste enhancers, flavoring agents, and coloring agents.
7. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim [[1]] 22 wherein said composition is ~~essentially~~ sugar-free.
8. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim [[1]] 22 wherein the composition comprises ~~comprising~~ at least one additional tooth whitening agent.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim 8 wherein said at least one additional tooth whitening agent is present in between 0.01% and 10.0% by weight of the composition, excluding any coating.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim 8 wherein said at least one additional tooth whitening agent comprises a bicarbonate salt.

11. (Previously Presented) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim 10 wherein said at least one additional tooth whitening agent comprises sodium bicarbonate, said agent being present in between 0.3% and 0.4% by weight of the composition, excluding any coating.

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 22 wherein at least one of said additives and said tooth whitening agent is encapsulated.

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 22 wherein the composition further ~~comprising~~ comprises at least one of the following: oral hygiene promoting agents, anti-calculus agents, anti-microbial agents, anti-inflammatory agents, desensitizing agents, therapeutically active agents, and remineralizing agents.

14. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 22 wherein the composition further ~~comprising~~ comprises a supplement.

15. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim 14 wherein said supplement comprises vitamin C.

16. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim 13 wherein the oral hygiene promoting agent comprises urea, said urea being present in between 0.15% and 25% by weight.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) A method of whitening tooth surfaces by consuming a solid, oral tooth whitening composition ~~according to claim 1~~, said tooth surfaces being discolored after use of ~~tobacco-related~~ tobacco products, the solid, oral tooth whitening composition comprising more than 75% by weight of solid materials, and the composition comprising:

(a) a chewing gum or confectionary base;

(b) chewing gum or confectionary additives; and

(c) a tooth whitening agent comprising calcium pyrophosphate present in an amount of between 3% and 8% by weight of the composition, excluding any coating compositions.

22. (Currently Amended) A method of whitening tooth surfaces by consuming a solid, oral tooth whitening composition ~~according to claim 1~~, said tooth surfaces being discolored after use of ~~coffee-related~~ coffee products, the solid, oral tooth whitening composition comprising more than 75% by weight of solid materials, and the composition comprising:

(a) a chewing gum or confectionary base;

(b) chewing gum or confectionary additives; and

(c) a tooth whitening agent comprising calcium pyrophosphate present in an amount of between 3% and 8% by weight of the composition, excluding any coating compositions.

23. (Currently Amended) The composition method according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 22 wherein said calcium pyrophosphate is present in an amount of between 4.5% and 7.5 % by weight of the composition, excluding any coating compositions.

24. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim [[1]] 22 wherein said calcium pyrophosphate is present in an amount of between 5.5% and 7 % by weight of the composition, excluding any coating compositions.

25. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim [[1]] 22 wherein the composition is formulated as a chewing gum composition wherein which said gum base constitutes from 15% to 80% by weight of the composition.

26. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim [[1]] 22 wherein the composition is formulated as a chewing gum composition wherein said gum base constitutes 25% to 60 % by weight of the composition.

27. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim 8 wherein said at least one additional tooth whitening agent is present in between 0.1 and 2.0% by weight of the composition, excluding any coating.

28. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim 8 wherein said at least one additional tooth whitening agent is present in between 0.25% and 1.0% by weight of the composition, excluding any coating.

29. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim 13 wherein the oral hygiene promoting agent comprises urea, said urea being present in between 0.4% and 10% by weight.

30. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim 13 wherein the oral hygiene promoting agent comprises urea, said urea being present in between 0.8% and 5% by weight.

31. (Currently Amended) The ~~composition~~ method according to claim 13 wherein the oral hygiene promoting agent comprises urea, said urea being present in between 1.5 % and 2.5% by weight.